

More lessons like this one? Check out our Ebook:

EasyDeutsch - German Grammar Explained Easy! (Buy Now!)

More information about all our ebooks: easy-deutsch.com/shop/

BUY TOGETHER & SAVE MONEY

Deal: "Best Friends" - Explanations & Exercises

1. Ebook: EasyDeutsch - German Grammar - ([Preview](#)).
2. Ebook: DaF Grammar Trainer - ([Preview](#)).

~~34€~~

27€ - Buy Now! (Click)



Deal: 5+5+X - German Grammar-Superstar – 5 Ebooks for free!

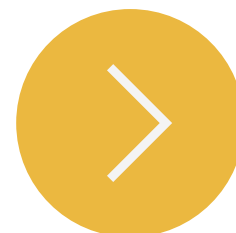
1. **Ebook:** EasyDeutsch - German Grammar Explained Easy - ([Preview](#))
2. **Ebook:** DaF Grammar Trainer - 300 Exercises - ([Preview](#))
3. **Ebook:** 137 German Preposition - ([Preview](#))
4. **Ebook:** Intensive Trainer: German Prepositions - ([Preview](#))
5. **Ebook:** German Connectors - ([Preview](#))
6. **Ebook:** 40+ Grammar Lists - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))
7. **Ebook:** German Cases? No Problem - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))
8. **Ebook:** Intensive Trainer: German Cases - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))
9. **Ebook:** Grammar Exercises: Level A1-A2 - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))
10. **Ebook:** Grammar Exercises: Level B1-B2 - **FREE** - ([Preview](#))

~~219€~~

85€

Bonus X: Over 100 ready-to-teach/study grammar units on all topics of German grammar (A1-B2)

Perfect as homework or for self-learners! - FREE



Buy Now & Save Money! (Click)

ARTICLES

ARTICLES L5 – THE ZERO ARTICLE

What is the Zero Article?.....	103
The Use of the Zero Article.....	103
Advice / Task	105



Video Lesson:

<https://easy-deutsch.com/yt/articlesL5/>

WHAT IS THE ZERO ARTICLE?

In general, most nouns use articles.

But there are exceptions.

In some cases, nouns come without articles. When there is no article, we call that the zero article.

→ **No Article = Zero Article**

THE USE OF THE ZERO ARTICLE

1. The Indefinite Article in Plural Form:

- „Dort steht ein Auto.“
Plural: „Dort stehen **Autos**.“
- „Hast du einen Stift?“ 2
Plural: „Hast du **Stifte**?“



Advice:

Like in English, there is no plural of the indefinite article → indefinite things do not get an article in plural (= Zero Article).

2. We use the zero article for names of people and companies that don't have an adjective in front of them:

No adjective:

- „Ich arbeite mit **Max**.“
- „Ich arbeite bei **Siemens**.“

With adjective:

- „Ich arbeite mit **dem arroganten** Max.“

3. After size, weight or number descriptions:

- „Ich möchte bitte eine Tasse **Tee**.“
- „Die Brauerei braut jeden Tag 10.000 Liter **Bier**.“
- „Ich hätte gern 100g **Mortadella**.“
- „Ich möchte gern 10 **Eier**.“

4. For nationalities and languages:

- „Olga ist **Russin**.“
- „Sie will **Deutsch** lernen.“
- „Pedro ist **Spanier**.“
- „Er spricht schon **Deutsch**.“
- „Marie ist **Schweizerin**.“
- „Marie lernt **Französisch**.“

5. Cities, continents, and most countries that don't have an adjective in front of them:

- „Er kommt aus **Berlin**.“
- „Deutschland liegt in **Europa**.“

But: „Ich komme aus der Schweiz.“

(Switzerland is an exception and always requires an article in front of it.)

- „Er kommt aus dem schönen Berlin.“

6. For professions, when using "werden", "sein", "als":

- „Olga ist Architektin.“
- „Jan arbeitet als **Deutschlehrer**.“
- „Pedro will **Ingenieur** werden.“

But: „Der Arzt macht einen Fehler.“

(The person himself is in focus, not the profession in general.)

7. For materials and substances used in a general context:

Materials and substances like milk, paper, water, iron, gold...

- „Mein Schreibtisch ist aus **Holz**.“
- „**Papier** wird aus **Holz** hergestellt.“

But: „Das Papier im Drucker ist alle.“

(Specifically, your paper stock. We are talking about the object "paper", not about the material.)

ADVICE / TASK



- Many rules might look quite complicated at first glance.
- **But:** Most languages have a zero article. For example, the rules for the German and English zero articles are 99% the same. German is different from Latin languages as they have an indefinite plural article. But the rest is the same! So check it in your own language. The rules are probably similar!

BEST FRIENDS

IF YOU WANT TO PRACTICE WHAT
YOU LEARN IN THIS EBOOK,
PLEASE CHECK OUT MY EBOOK:
DAF GRAMMAR TRAINER



IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT YET, GET IT ON
[SHOP.EASY-DEUTSCH.DE/ENGLISCH/](https://shop.easy-deutsch.de/englisch/)
THE DAF GRAMMAR TRAINER
PROVIDES YOU EXERCISES (A1-B2)
FOR EVERY TOPIC I EXPLAIN IN THIS
EBOOK.

DID YOU KNOW?

MOST EFFECTIVE TOGETHER

MASTER GERMAN GRAMMAR!

DO YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE
PUBLISHED 10 EBOOKS ABOUT
GERMAN GRAMMAR?

- You will find an ebook **for every key struggle** German learners may encounter.
- Improve your German language skills, **speak better German** and take the next step in life.
- You can have a look at the previews of all ebooks in my shop:
shop.easy-deutsch.de/englisch/.
- If you buy more than one ebook you can get a **discount**.
- **14-day money-back guarantee**

<https://shop.easy-deutsch.de/englisch/>

